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REMARKS

The foregoing amendment updates the cross-reference to the parent application and presents a shorter Abstract in order to place the application in better form for examination in the United States.

In the Request for Divisional Application filed July 31, 2003, Claims 1-15 and 17-57 were canceled, leaving only Claim 16. Claim 16, however, depended from Claim 1 which had been canceled. Claim 16, by the foregoing amendment, has been rewritten in independent form and is now proper.

Claim 16, drawn to specific compounds of the invention, overlaps in scope with claims in the patent issued on the parent application, namely U.S. Patent No. 6,632,963 B1. In order to obviate a potential obviousness-type double patenting rejection an appropriate Terminal Disclaimer is filed herewith and the requisite fee is authorized to be charged to counsel's deposit account.

An early action on the merits is requested.

In the event that any questions remain, the Examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

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